

Chronology of attacks by Iranian-backed groups in Lebanon

14 June 1985 TWA Flight 847 hijacked from Athens to Beirut. Hizballah elements involved in holding US hostages are encouraged by Iranian officials to prolong incident.

9 June 1985 American University of Beirut official Thomas Sutherland kidnaped in West Beirut. Radical Shias with links to Iran suspected.

29 May 1985 Denis Hill, British professor at American University of Beirut shot to death. Islamic Jihad first claimed credit and then denied responsibility. Pro-Iranian radical Shias are still suspected.

28 May 1985 David Jacobsen, US Director of American University Hospital, kidnaped. Islamic Jihad claimed credit.

23 May 1985 Two Frenchmen, journalist Jean-Paul Kaufmann and researcher Michel Saurat, kidnaped while leaving Beirut International Airport. Islamic Jihad claimed credit.

29 April 1985 French journalist Norbert Balit escaped from a kidnaping attempt. Pro-Iranian radical Shias are the most likely suspects.

18 April 1985 Georges Sayegh, Lebanese citizen and Vice President of American University of Beirut, kidnaped and interrogated about personnel working at the university. Radical Shias are suspected.

28 March 1985 Two French teachers, Jean Claude Duvent and Robert Valnassian, apparently mistaken for Americans, kidnaped and released. Perpetrators probably were Shia elements hoping to provide Americans to pro-Iranian groups seeking additional US hostages.

22 March 1985 French diplomat Marcel Fontaine kidnaped in West Beirut. Islamic Jihad claimed credit.

16 March 1985 Terry Anderson, US bureau chief for Associated Press news service, kidnaped in West Beirut. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

15 March 1985 British businessman Brian Levick kidnaped by

"Khaybar Brigades." Released because he is not American.

14 March 1985 British metallurgist Geoffrey Nash kidnaped in West Beirut by "Khaybar Brigades." Released because he is not American.

14 March 1985 Dutch priest Nicholas Kluitters disappeared in Bekaa Valley and was later found dead. Hizballah elements possibly involved.

19 February 1985 French observer killed in West Beirut. Radical Shias with links to Iran suspected.

22 January 1985 Bomb exploded on street in front of American University Hospital. Radical Shias suspected.

19 January 1985 Bomb exploded near Iraqi bank. Radical Shias with links to Iran suspected.

14 January 1985 Two French observers shot dead in West Beirut. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

13 January 1985 Bomb defused at home of FSN employee of US Embassy. Radical Shias suspected.

8 January 1985 Father Lawrence Jenco, US Citizen, director of Catholic Relief Services, kidnaped. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

7 January 1985 French observer killed. [redacted] pro-Iranian Shias responsible.

30 November 1984 Peter Kilburn, US librarian at American University, kidnaped. Islamic Jihad claimed credit. Hizballah elements believed to be holding him.

20 September 1984 Truck bomb exploded in front of US Embassy Annex in Beirut. Two US personnel killed, 20 wounded along with 12 Lebanese killed and over 50 wounded. Islamic Jihad claimed credit.

24 August 1984 British consular office in Beirut suffered extensive damage from rocket attack. Radical Shia elements are the most likely suspects.

24 August 1984 Saudi Embassy in Beirut sacked by radical Shias unable to obtain visas for the Hajj. Attack claimed by Islamic Jihad.

2 July 1984 Bomb caused extensive damage to Beirut office of L'Orient Le Jour newspaper. Radical Shia elements are the most likely suspects.

25 June 1984 French embassy car blown up. Radical Shias suspected.

9 June 1984 Two car bombs exploded in Christian town of Juniyah, killing at least two and wounding scores. Shia driver identified.

6-7 June 1984 Saudi Embassy in Beirut attacked twice. Islamic Jihad claims credit.

6 June 1984 One French observer killed, two wounded by sniper fire by Hizballah elements.

8 May 1984 American Presbyterian Minister, Benjamin Weir, kidnaped by Hizballah elements.

5 May 1984 Soviet cultural center hit by rocket. "Forces of the Islamic Dawn" claimed credit. Radical Shia elements showing support for the Afghan resistance are suspected.

16 April 1984 French doctor in observer group wounded by gunmen firing from a passing car.

28 March 1984 French officer in observer group killed by probable radical Shia gunmen firing from a passing car.

27 March 1984 French cultural attache shot four times while walking to work in Beirut. Pro-Iranian Shias suspected.

22 March 1984 British Council building in Beirut damaged by bomb. Radical Shia are the most likely suspects.

16 March 1984 US Political Officer, William Buckley, kidnaped by Hizballah elements.

7 March 1984 American journalist, Jeremy Levin, kidnapped by Hizballah elements.

6 March 1984 Islamic Jihad claimed credit for three attacks on French facilities following visit by Foreign Minister Cheysson to Beirut. One Frenchman killed.

15 February 1984 Christian Joubert, French architect, kidnaped by Hizballah elements. Rescued on 15 April.

10 February 1984 Dr. Frank Regeir, American professor at American University in Beirut, kidnaped by Hizballah elements. Rescued on 15 April 1984.

18 January 1984 Dr. Malcolm Kerr, President of American University in Beirut, murdered. Islamic Jihad claimed credit.

17 January 1984 Saudi Consul Hussein Farrash kidnaped by Hizballah elements. Released in May 1985.

13 January 1984 French diplomat's wife wounded by two men on motorcycle. Radical Shias suspected.

27 December 1983 Car bomb attack on British multinational force convoy. Radical Shia elements are suspected.

21 December 1983 Bar frequented by US Marines bombed. Islamic Jihad claimed credit.

21 December 1983 Truck bomb attack against French Multinational Force headquarters. Ten killed, 125 wounded. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

23 October 1983 French Multinational Force barracks hit by car bomb which kills 56 troops. Islamic Jihad claimed credit.

23 October 1983 Car bombing of US Marines barracks; 239 killed. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

19 October 1983 US Marine supply convoy car bombed. Islamic Jihad claimed credit.

16 October 1983 One US Marine killed and three wounded in sniper attack on US Multinational Force elements. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

6 August 1983 French Ambassador's home attacked. Islamic Jihad claimed credit.

5 August 1983 French Embassy hit by rocket-propelled grenades. Islamic Jihad claimed credit.

21 July 1983 Dr. David Dodge, president of American University in Beirut kidnaped on 19 July 1982 by Hizballah elements, was released in good health through Syrian intervention. During his detention he was taken to Iran.

July 1983 Several rocket-propelled grenade attacks on US Multinational Force barracks at Beirut International Airport. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

July 1983 Islamic Jihad claimed credit for several grenade attacks on French Multinational Force elements.

18 April 1983 Car bomb attack on US Embassy in West Beirut killed 57 and wounded more than 100. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

8 April 1983 Two rocket-propelled grenades fired at French Multinational Force elements. Islamic Jihad claimed credit.

16 March 1983 Five US Marines wounded in a grenade attack near the airport. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.